

## ABSTRACT

A system and method for preventing misuse conditions on a data network are described. Embodiments of the system and method evaluate potential network misuse signatures by analyzing variables such as the state of the network and/or target, the context in which the potential misuse signatures are detected, the response/reaction of the target and/or the fingerprint of the target. These and other variables may be factored in to the misuse determination, either alone, or in combination.

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